

**City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00pm
City Hall, Work Session Room**

PRAB Members Present

Jane Albro
Kirk Holley
Evie Ifantides
Brian Knapp
Esther Nasjleti

Robert Reinsel
Michael Slawski
Toby Sorensen
Douglas Stewart
Harry Wilbur

PRAB Members Absent

Jeff Ferrell
Jennifer Passey
Zinta Rodgers-Rickert

New PRAB Members Present

Michael Anderson
John Stehle

Staff Present

Michael McCarty, Director of Parks and Recreation
Stacy Sanders, Parks and Recreation
Brienne Baglini, Parks and Recreation

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Chairman Brian Knapp.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Adoption of the Agenda

Harry Wilbur motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on May 8, 2014 and it was seconded by Douglas Stewart. Douglas Stewart motioned to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from May 29, 2014 and it was seconded by Robert Reinsel. Minutes were approved.

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Strategic Master Plan

- **June 3, 2014 Work Session Review**

Chairman Knapp recapped the June 3rd work session and asked for feedback. Bob Reinsel asked would PVI still be discussed in the plan referring to Councilman Drummond's comments, and Chairman Knapp said PVI would be mentioned just in a different way.

Chairman Knapp regrouped with Mayor Silverthorne after the Work Session, and stated that the Mayor had asked him and Michael McCarty to again reach out to all Council members and get a final approval. There was a thumbs up from all Council members with the exception of Demarco and Schmidt due to not being able to have a meeting as of the PRAB meeting.

Harry Wilbur asked for clarification as to whether this was going to be an Acceptance or and Adoption. Michael McCarty said per Council request it would be an Acceptance.

Chairman Knapp stated that we would start to take action on the plan in September.

- **Binder Review**

Michael McCarty briefed everyone on the updates to the documents from the consultants. There was a brief discussion, and Kirk Holley asked when PRAB would see the Draft Executive Summary. Chairman Knapp asked Michael McCarty to look at it along with his staff and push it out to PRAB.

- **Discussion on the Changes to the Action Plan**

Due to discussions and comments from Councilman Greenfield there has been a need for some wording changes in a few strategies as well as a change in an objective. Councilman Greenfield specifically asked for reference to three items: Community Gardens, Dog Parks, and mention of Get Fit City of Fairfax. Esther Nasjleti asked would there be any constraints involved with Get Fit. Michael McCarty explained that it was a reference to all of our fitness programs so there were no constraints.

Esther Nasjleti brought up Councilwoman Schmidt's comment regarding the move of the App, and she asked was it really the highest priority to move the date up on that just because she asked us to. Michael McCarty explained it was fine as the Department was already in works with the IT department to work on the App.

End of Discussions

Chairman Knapp wrapped up the Strategic Master Plan portion of the meeting reminding and encouraging everyone that the presentation to Council is on Tuesday, June 24th.

The presentation will be held at 6:00pm in Council Chambers.

4. Old Business

- **Recap of the June 7th retreat with Mayor and City Council**

Chairman Knapp and many PRAB members met with the Mayor and new Council on June 7 and highlighted key PRAB issues for the coming year, including park naming, the use of schools for parks and recreation, special events, and strategic planning implementation. It was also noted that bylaws for PRAB were found by Janice Miller from 1983. They will be reviewed and updated and eventually

presented to Council for approval. The Mayor asked PRAB and other groups (CAC, COA) to meet and discuss the naming of the new downtown park.

- **Park Naming**

Paperwork was distributed to the board members that highlighted what types of policies exist in the City and surrounding jurisdictions.

- **Naming of Downtown Park**

Chairman Knapp explained that there was a conference call with five chairs to discuss naming the downtown park. Each chair is to go back to their group and discuss then regroup on July 1st and report each group's single recommendation. Chairman Knapp then handed out a paper to each board member and instructed everyone to pick two park names they liked the most and hand it back in. Michael Slawski suggested a new name to be considered: Remington Square.

Results: PRAB members chose Old Town Square as the top choice.

5. Parks and Recreation Department Report

Michael McCarty introduced the Department's newest Special Event series of TGI Fairfax-Rock the Block. The outdoor concerts will be held the fourth Friday of every month throughout the summer. The first one will take place on July 26, 2014.

The City will be hosting a viewing party of the World Cup games on July 13th. Information has been posted on Facebook and the city website.

Virginia Living magazine recently named the Chocolate Lover's Festival the 2nd Best Food Festival!

The 4th of July fireworks have been moved back by ten minutes for the start time. They will now be set off at 9:30pm.

Construction on the synthetic turf field will start shortly after July 7th.

Ashby Pond has been going slower than normal but the boardwalk is completed.

6. Stakeholder Updates

- **School Board** – Toby Sorensen stated that both she and Robert Reinsel had their school board retreat the same day as the June 7th Council retreat. The board discussed the start times for the schools and now the Fairfax County School Board website has an online survey concerning this issue.
- **Planning Commission** – Jennifer Passey was absent
- **Senior Center** – Jane Albright explained that the Senior Center will be implementing a non-City/non-County resident fee of \$50 for use of the Senior Center.

- **Community Appearance Committee** – Kirk Holley noted that their annual report is completed and it will be going to PRAB in September.
- **Commission on the Arts** – Harry Wilbur informed the board that the Commission has approved the public arts policy and they are now working on the guidelines. They will be working towards receiving approval in September. The Commission is currently working on getting a sculpture outside of Sherwood.
- **NVRPA** – Chairman Knapp stated that the November meeting will be held in the City of Fairfax at the Sherwood Center. He mentioned that Council and PRAB will be invited to a reception to proceed this NVRPA meeting.

7. Matters of the Members

- Harry Wilbur requested an updated roster for PRAB

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Knapp at 8:57pm

No meetings in July or August

Next Meeting: September 11, 2014 City Hall

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